GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Reports on the working of the several Town and Minor Municipalities in the State during the year 1929-30.

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The reports on the working of the several Town and Minor Municipalities in the State during the year 1929-30, and the reviews of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts thereon.

ORDER NO. L. 2347-61—ML. 155-30-27, DATED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1931.

Recorded.

2. At the end of the year under review, there were 37 Town and 65 Minor Municipalities, excluding the non-Regulation Municipality at Sringeri which has since been constituted into a Minor Municipality under the Mysore Municipal Regulation. Two other new Minor Municipalities were also constituted at Agara Mamballi and Mirle in the Mysore District, with effect from 1st July 1930. The Sulebele Municipality in the Bangalore District was dis-established from 1st December 1930 and the Sivane Municipality in the Kadur District has been converted into a Village Panchayet with effect from 1st September 1930.

3. *Constitution.*—No general elections were held in the Kolar and Tumkur Districts. In the other districts, elections were held for the reconstitution of 19 Municipal Councils and 16 bye-elections were also held for filling up casual vacancies in the several Municipalities. The elections in the Bangalore District are said to have been generally well contested. Orders were issued during the year permitting the division of Minor Municipalities also into blocks for purposes of elections.

4. *Strength of Municipal Councils and Meetings.*—The total strength of members in all the Municipalities on the last day of the year was 1,551 of whom 737 were elected members, 487 were non-officials nominated by Government and the rest salaried servants of Government. The total number of meetings held by all the Municipal Councils during the year was 1,636 of which 914 were ordinary, 361 special and the rest adjourned meetings. In the Kolar and Mysore Districts, all the Municipalities held the required number of meetings, except three in the former and four in the latter district. In the other districts, a large number of Municipalities did not hold the required number of meetings. This was especially the case in the Shimoga District, where only two Municipalities (*viz.*, Sagar and Hosnagar) held the required number of meetings and the Shiralkoppa Municipality held only two ordinary meetings during the year. This is not satisfactory. Necessary instructions are, however, said to have been issued by the Deputy Commissioners of Mysore and Shimoga Districts. It is satisfactory that 26 meetings were held by the Seringapatam Municipal Council and 20 each by the Nagamangala and Hunsur Municipalities in the Mysore District. The number of adjourned meetings was large in the case of the Chikmagalur and Narasimharajapura Municipalities in the Kadur District. The attendance of members at the meetings is said to have been generally fair in the Bangalore, Hassan and Chitaldrug Districts. The attendance of the *ex-officio* members in certain Municipalities of the Tumkur and Shimoga Districts is said to have been not satisfactory. The attention of these officers should be drawn to the observation made by Government at the end of para 4 of their review for the previous year.

5. *Presidents, Vice-Presidents and other Office Bearers.*—During the year, the Municipal Councils of Tumkur, Chikmagalur, Hassan and Tiptur continued to enjoy the privilege of having elected non-official Presidents. Orders have since issued for the appointment of non-official Presidents to Dodballapur, Malur and Sagar Municipalities. The privilege of having an elected Vice-President was restored during the year to the Vadigenahalli Municipal Council in the Bangalore District. The Sub-Division Officer of French Rocks Sub-Division was appointed President of the Seringapatam Municipal Council, in the place of the Amildar, who continued to be a member on the Council. In the case of the Nanjangud Municipality, the election of a Vice-President has been temporarily suspended and a Chief Officer appointed instead. Chief Officers were also appointed in several Municipalities for reduction of arrears and collection of taxes.

6. *Committees.*—There has been no appreciable improvement in the working of the Committees in the several Municipalities during the year. In the Bangalore District, Health Committees were formed by all the Municipalities but sufficient attention is said to have not been paid for the formation of Managing Committees, and the Audit Committees constituted in certain Municipalities have not at all functioned. The Health and Managing Committees in the Tumkur, Kunigal, Gubbi and other Municipalities are said to have worked satisfactorily. In the Hassan District, no action is said to have been taken for the formation of the various committees by the several Municipalities except Hassan and Hole-Narsipur. In the Kadur District, Health and Managing Committees were formed by several Municipalities but their working is said to have not been satisfactory. The Deputy Commissioner considers that there is a multiplicity of committees in many Municipalities and that better results could be achieved if the work is centralized by having two or three Select Committees for each Municipality. The Committees in the Chitaldrug District also have not worked satisfactorily and the Deputy Commissioner has issued special instructions for the formation of Audit Committees which do not exist in several Municipalities.

7. *Bye-laws and Rules.*—No information has been furnished about the bye-laws framed by the several Municipal Councils in the Bangalore and Chitaldrug Districts. In the other districts, necessary bye-laws were sanctioned for regulating sanitation, conservancy, vaccination, births and deaths, octroi, epidemics, hotels, eating houses, construction of buildings, etc., in the several Municipalities and the bye-laws already sanctioned are said to have been in force therein. Owing to trade conditions, the levy of octroi in the Shiralkoppa Municipality was not approved by Government and the matter is under further consideration.

8. *Finance and Incidence of Taxation.*—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 4,48,879. The income and expenditure amounted to Rs. 16,53,604 and Rs. 15,94,208 respectively, leaving a balance of Rs. 5,08,275 at the end of the year. The expenditure exceeded the year's income in the Tumkur District by about Rs. 7,000 and by about Rs. 500 in the Mysore District. In the other districts, the expenditure was within the income. The incidence of taxation per head of population in the several Municipalities was both the highest and lowest in the Chitaldrug District, being Re. 0-6-9 in the Naikanhatti Municipality and Rs. 5-5-1 in the Davangere Municipality.

9. *Demand, Collection and Balance of Municipalities.*—From the reviews of the Deputy Commissioners, it is seen that out of a total demand of Rs. 16,78,777 for the year including the arrears for all the Municipalities a sum of Rs. 13,01,651 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 3,70,205 excluding the amounts remitted or written off as irrecoverable. The percentage of the total collection to the demand is the highest in the Tumkur District being 85 per cent and the lowest in the Bangalore District being 54 per cent. In the Bangalore District, there has been an increase in the arrears in all the Municipalities except Yelahanka, Kankanhalli, Magadi and Channapatna, and this is said to be due to trade depression and crop failure. There has been a slight decrease in the arrears outstanding in the Channapatna Municipality and Civil suits are being filed in respect of arrears of over three years standing and the Chief Officer has been asked to show better results. In the Kolar District, the collection is said to be not satisfactory in the Kolar and Srinivaspur Municipalities though a special staff was appointed for the purpose in the former Municipality. In the Tumkur District, the collection is said to have been satisfactory in Tiptur, Tumkur and Turuvekere, while it was unsatisfactory in Gubbi, Kunigal and Koratagere Municipalities. In the Mysore District, the arrears were heavy in the Hunsur, Seringapatam, Nanjangud, Mugur, Yedatore and Nagmangala Municipalities. In the case of the Nanjangud Municipality, the arrears were reduced from Rs. 15,144 to Rs. 9,108 and a Chief Officer has been appointed for the collection of arrears in Hunsur. In the Hassan District, the arrears were heavy in Hassan, Hole-Narsipur, Arkalgud and Konanur Municipalities, and a separate Revenue Officer has been appointed in the Hassan Municipality for the reduction of the very heavy arrears. In the Shimoga District, the collections for the year are said to be slightly better than those of the preceding years. The arrears in the Shiralkoppa Municipality being very heavy, a special Shekdar was entertained for a period of two months and 20 days and the arrears reduced from Rs. 9,116 to Rs. 6,425. In the Kadur District, it is satisfactory to note that the collection amounted to 97·25 per cent of the demand in the Sringeri Municipality. A Chief

Officer was appointed for the reduction of the heavy arrears in the Chikmagalur Municipality and effective steps are said to have been taken for the recovery of the arrears in the several municipalities. In the Chitaldrug District, the collection has been good in the Hosdurga Municipality, the balance to be recovered being only Rs. 11. A special Shekdar was appointed for the reduction of arrears in the Chitaldrug Municipality. From the above it is seen that collection work requires better attention in all the Districts. The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, has observed that the reason for the accumulation of arrears in the Municipalities is due to the failure to issue warrants for the recovery of arrears in cases where demand notices have had no effect. Necessary instructions should be issued to the several Municipalities for the issue of warrants whenever necessary.

10. *Public Works, Town Improvements and Water Supply.*—The usual grant of Rupees one lakh was sanctioned by Government during the year for Town Improvement Works and it is stated that improvements works such as improvement of drainage and roads, formation of circles and parks, removal of congestion, etc., were undertaken by several Municipalities under the guidance of the Executive Engineer, Town Planning and Sanitary Division, the Municipalities also contributing towards the cost of these works. The construction of the Town Hall building at Channapatna was completed and handed over to the municipality. A scheme for improving the Goribidnur drainage was under consideration. The electric installation to the Kolar and Tumkur Towns were completed during the year and were opened by His Highness. Electric lights were also supplied to Malvalli Town during the year. Schemes for the electrification of the several other municipalities are under various stages of progress. A drainage scheme for Tumkur Town has been prepared by the Executive Engineer, Town Planning, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,03,400 and is under consideration by the Municipal Council who propose to raise a loan for financing the scheme. A drainage scheme for the Kunigal Municipality sanctioned in 1928, is proposed to be worked out in three years. A comprehensive scheme amounting to Rs. 2,05,950 for drainage to the Chikmagalur Town was sent up to Government by the Municipal Council, but the same has been ordered to be dropped for the present and the Municipal Council has been advised to have cheap drains in such parts of the town as are badly in need of them. Another estimate amounting to Rs. 79,881 prepared by the Executive Engineer, Town Planning Division, for drainage to Tarikere Town has been approved by the Municipal Council, who have resolved to carry out the work in parts every year and provided Rs. 8,000 towards the construction of main drains to begin with. A sum of Rs. 7,168 was spent in Davangere Municipality during the year on the first stage of the drainage project and the work is reported to be almost completed. An estimate for Rs. 12,650 for the second stage of the work has been submitted to Government. A drainage project for Hiriyur Town costing Rs. 29,000 was sanctioned by Government towards the close of the year. Schemes for the supply of drinking water to Channapatna, Dodballapur and Tiptur Towns were under progress by sinking borewells under the supervision of the Industries Department and the Public Works Department were also considering the possibility of water supply to Channapatna by sinking wells in the bed of the Kanva river. The Closepet Municipal Council had under consideration a scheme for water supply by sinking a well in the bed of the Arkavati river. The improvement of water supply to Kolar Town was under execution by the Public Works Department and the question of improving the water supply to Malur was under consideration. The extension of water supply to the northern extension of the Tumkur Town and also to suburbs was sanctioned by Government and the work has been arranged to be put on hand. A sum of Rs. 7,214 was spent by the Tiptur Municipality for laying out pipes for water supply to certain portions of the town. An estimate for Rs. 90,000 was sanctioned for water supply to Hunsur Town and the work is being executed by the Executive Engineer, Town Planning Division. The improvement of water supply to Nanjangud is under consideration of the Municipal Council. With a view to improve the existing water supply to the Shimoga Town from Sri Krishnarajendra Water Works, the Municipal Council have resolved to construct a high level reservoir at a cost of Rs. 25,000, a moiety thereof being met by Government. A scheme for improving the water supply to Chikmagalur Town at a cost of Rs. 2,50,000 was investigated by the Public Works Department but as the cost was too much, the Municipal Council have resolved to execute immediately certain improvements costing Rs. 21,398 out of which two estimates

for Rs. 11,778 have been sanctioned by Government and another estimate is still under consideration. An estimate for Rs. 3,64,620 for water supply to Tarikere Town was prepared by the Executive Engineer, Town Planning Division, but the cost being too much, the Municipal Council have been attempting to supply water from bore-wells and have already sunk one in a locality where water difficulty was keenly felt. A sum of Rs. 5,623 was spent for water supply in Chitaldrug Town and a sum of Rs. 37,792 was spent in the Davangere Municipality on the water works. The water supply to these two towns is reported to be satisfactory.

11. *Public Health and Sanitation.*—Public Health was generally good in all the districts except for occasional outbreaks of plague, cholera, small-pox, etc., in certain places. Prompt steps are reported to have been taken for their suppression and prevention by the usual methods of inoculation and evacuation, etc. With a view to remove congestion in the Tumkur and certain other Municipalities in the Districts, steps have been taken for opening out new lanes, removal of jungles, filling up of ditches, etc. The old system of removing sweepings and night soil by carts have been discontinued in the Tumkur Municipality and a motor lorry has been purchased for this purpose. Necessary contributions were paid by the several Municipalites for the maintenance of Local Fund and Municipal Dispensaries and Native Vaidyasalas, Davakhanas, etc., towards medical relief in the areas concerned. Arrangements were also made in the several municipalities for vaccinations against small-pox and for maintenance of vital statistics.

12. *Public Instruction.*—A sum of Rs. 5,506 was spent on Primary Education in the districts of Tumkur and Shimoga. No information has been furnished in respect of other Districts. Necessary contribution was paid by the Municipal Council for the maintenance of several Aided High Schools and it is stated that the Sagar Municipal Council contributed Rs. 6,599 for the Municipal High School and Rs. 300 was paid by the Tirthahalli Municipal Council towards rent for the local High School building. The question of opening a High School at Bowringpet was under correspondence during the year and the Municipal High School at Dodballapur is said to have worked satisfactorily. The management and control of Primary Education in Tumkur Town was taken over by the Municipal Council from 1st March 1930. The question of the levy of Education Cess by Anekal Municipal Council was still under consideration.

13. *Audit and Inspection of Municipal Offices.*—The accounts of the several Municipalities were audited by the Local Audit Staff of the Comptroller's Office and no serious irregularities have been noticed, except a misappropriation of Municipal funds in Tirthahalli Municipality to the extent of Rs. 52 by the Mutsaddi (now dead). After necessary investigation, Government directed that the loss had to be borne by the Municipality. The usual minor irregularities in the accounts of the several Municipalities continued during this year also and there was no appreciable improvement in the disposal of the audit objections and the rectification of the points noticed therein. The constitution and working of the Audit Committees in the several Municipalities is reported to have been not satisfactory in the Bangalore and Hassan Districts. All the Municipal Offices in the Kolar, Tumkur, Hassan and Chitaldrug Districts were inspected by the Deputy Commissioners concerned. In the Shimoga District, all the offices except Shikarpur and some of the Municipalities in Mysore and Kadur Districts were also inspected by the Deputy Commissioners. It is stated that needful instructions were issued on the defects noticed during the inspection.

14. *General.*—This year also the reviews of the Deputy Commissioners were not received in time nor were the reviews complete in all respects. It is stated that this is due to the several Municipal Councils not submitting their reports in a complete form on the due dates. Necessary instructions should be issued by the Deputy Commissioners for the timely submission of their reviews in a complete form with the necessary statistical statements.

During the year, His Highness the Maharaja visited Kolar and Tumkur and opened the electric installations of these places. He was also pleased to lay the foundation stone of the building for locating the District Library at Tumkur. The electrification of the Malvalli Town was opened by the Dewan. Government note with satisfaction that the non-official Councillors, Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the several Municipalities continued to take a great deal of interest in the administration of Municipalities and they wish to convey their thanks to these gentlemen for the interest evinced by them.

The draft bill for amending the Mysore Municipal Regulation was under the consideration of the Special Committee appointed to scrutinise the same during the year. The Committee have since submitted their final report to Government and the general principles of the bills were placed before the Representative Assembly at the Birthday session of 1931 and a new Committee has been constituted for drafting three separate bills for City, Town and Minor Municipalities.

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General Department.

Reconstitution of the Central Recruitment Board.

READ—

Government Order No. 78-150—C. R. B. 2-29-1, dated 5th July 1929, directing the reconstitution of the Central Recruitment Board for a period of two years from 1st July 1929.

2. Government Order No. 3605-60—C. R. B. 15-30-1, dated 10th February 1931, directing the appointment of two additional non-official members to the above Board.

3. Notification No. 3661-63—C. R. B. 15-30-2, dated 10th February 1931, appointing Messrs. P. Murugesam Pillai and H. B. Gundappa, as additional non-official members referred to in the second of the orders read above.

ORDER No. 2005-2080—C. R. B. 9-31-2, DATED 3RD OCTOBER 1931.

Government are pleased to direct that the Central Recruitment Board be re-constituted as follows for a period of two years from 1st July 1931:—

CHAIRMAN.

Officiating First Member of Council.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Director of Public Instruction in Mysore.
The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.
The Chief Secretary to Government.
The General Secretary to Government.

NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

Mr. Sylvester Pais, B.A.
Mr. D. S. Mallappa.
Mr. Mannaji Rao Kadom.
Mr. P. Murugesam Pillai.
Mr. H. B. Gundappa, B.A., B.L.
Mr. B. Abdur Rahmon, B.A.
Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.

SECRETARY.

One of the Assistant Secretaries to Government.

H. V. RAMASVAMI,
General Secretary to Government.